

Title: **Training for Nursing School Faculty and Leaders Held in Gao**

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From May 12-17, 2008, the Capacity Project held a training workshop at the *Ecole des Infirmiers de Gao* for teachers and directors of the nursing school. This was part of the process of revising the instructional curriculum, beginning with modules on family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) and child health.

The training oriented the school's faculty and directors in using new training materials for FP/RH and child health developed with the Project's *Learning for Performance* guide and toolkit. It also served to reinforce their knowledge and skills in these areas.

Mini-lessons were organized by topic and faculty members were grouped in twos or threes. Working together, each team prepared and presented lessons for their colleagues, using clinical case studies, demonstrations and role playing.

Facilitators and other teachers used checklists to give feedback, allowing each team to identify its strengths and aspects to be improved. Participants learned the value of working together and co-teaching, and improved their skills and knowledge on FP/RH from 65.7% in a pre-test to 89.2% in a post-test following the training.

The workshop included the full support of the school's leaders, who plan to extend these trainings to other instructional topics. In the closing ceremony, participants and directors of the school thanked their technical and financial partners — USAID, the Capacity Project and IntraHealth International — and urged them to continue their efforts to strengthen human resources so that Mali's northern regions will have access to qualified health workers who can deliver quality care to the population.

Next steps include revising the FP/RH and child health modules in light of suggestions made during the training. Additional workshops will be held in August 2008, and monitoring and evaluation will continue throughout the process.



Participants at the training in Gao



Faculty members working together